

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>25 Apr 58  |  | 2. LOCATION<br>Between Fresno-Merced, Cali   |   | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon |  |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local _____<br>GMT 25/1725Z   |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft      |  |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No  |  | 6. SOURCE<br>Military  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical     |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>4-5 secs  |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>one  | 9. COURSE<br>SW   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown             |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>Circular obj, size of pea at arms length. White. Obj far above balloon which was at 150,000ft. 180 degrees of turn was seen, then obj streaked toward Pacific. |  |  | 11. COMMENTS<br>A U-2 a/c on classified project was in the general area on date and time indicated. A balloon was sighted by the pilot. The U-2 a/c did make a turn in that general area. |   |  |

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ORCL122166 SUFOB SIGHTING, 25/1740Z APR 58 IN ACCORDANCE

WITH AFR 200-2 DTD 12 AUG 54 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED.

1A. ROUND 1B. PEA 1C. LIGHT WHITE OR SILVER 1D. ONE 1E. N/A 1F.

UNABLE TO DETERMINE 1G. NONE 1H. NONE 1I. NONE 2A. MERIDEN BLUE

FLIGHT WENT OVER TO INVESTIGATE AREIAL BALLON AND SAW OBJECT. 2B.

APPROXIMATE 45 DEGREES ELEVATION, AZIMUTH (30) DEGREES STARBOARD OF

FLIGHT (FLIGHT HEADING 300 DEGREES) 2C. APPROXIMATE (45) DEGREES

ELEVATION, AZIMUTH (45) DEGREES PORT OF FLIGHT (FLIGHT HEADING 300

DEGREES) 2D. MADE A 360 DEGREE TURN BALLOON THEN ROLLED OUT HEADING

SOUTH 2E. OBJECT MOVED AWAY AT HIGH SPEED 2F. ONE MINUTE 3A. AIR

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VISUAL 3B. NAKED EYE 3C. F-100'S MERIDEN BLUE FLIGHT/THREE AIRCRAFT,

45,000 FEET, 300 DEGREES MAG, GEORGE AFB, CALIFORNIA 4A. 25/1725Z 1725-8-07 23

APR 58 4B. DAY 5. HALFWAY BETWEEN FRESNO CALIF AND MERCED CALIF

A. [REDACTED] CAPT, [REDACTED], 413TH FIGHTER DAY WING GEORGE AFB,

CALIF, RELIABLE. FRIDLEY C. I. 1LT 413TH FIGHTER DAY WING

GEORGE AFB, CALIF, RELIABLE.

7A. EXCELLENT 7B. SURFACE <sup>WNW</sup> 305 DEGREES 30 KNOTS, 6,000, <sup>WNW</sup> 305 DEGREES

30 KNOTS, 12,000 <sup>W</sup> 275 DEGREES 50 KNOTS, 16,000 <sup>W</sup> 265 DEGREES 7 KNOTS,

20,000 <sup>W</sup> 265 DEGREES 70 KNOTS, 30,000 <sup>W</sup> 265 DEGREES 70 KNOTS, 50,000

<sup>WSW</sup> 250 DEGREES 15 KNOTS, 80,000 UNKNOWN. 7C. CLEAR 7D. UNLIMITED 7E. LESS

THAN 10 PERCENT 7F. NONE 8. OBJECT ABOVE 65,000 FEET. 9. NONE

10. AERIAL BALLON 36 DEGREES 35 MINUTES NORTH, 119 DEGREES 25 MINUTES

WEST AT 1753Z 11. OBJECT WILL PROBABLY TURN OUT TO BE A MILITARY

VEHICLE BEING PUT THROUG TESTS. HORN KROEHLER JR 2/LT, DUTY

DIRECTOR. 12. NONE.

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*how can this be determined? It is very difficult to estimate altitude while in the air, with any degree of accuracy, with naked eye.*

*pt Report states balloon at 150,000 feet (Inconsistent)*

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DE RJWPFO 72

P 252212Z

FM COMDR 831ST AIR DIV

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UNCLAS FROM FDOI 24-598. SUBJ: UFO. A. (1)

CIRCULAR. (2) SIZE OF PEA HELD AT ARMS LENGTH. (3) WHITE.

(4) ONE. (5) N/A (6) NONE. (7) NONE. (8) NONE. (9) NONE. B. (1)

FLIGHT WAS MAKING INTERDEPT OF WEATHER BALLOON AT TIME OF

SIGHTING. (2) WEATHER BALLOON WAS AT APPROXIMATELY 152,000 FEET

AND OBJECT WAS FAR ABOVE BALLOON. (3) ABOVE 152,000. (4) WHEN

SIGHTED OBJECT WAS IN A TURN, AROUND OR NEAR BALLOON. 130

DEGREES OF TURN WAS SEEN. THEN OBJECT STREAKED TOWARD PACIFIC

OCEAN ON SOUTH-WEST HEADING. (5) VERY RAPIDLY IN A SOUTH-WEST

DIRECTION. (6) FOUR FIVE SECONDS. C. (1) AIR-VISUAL. (2) NONE

ATC  
1744  
44X72  
TELEPHONED  
TO NO. 11/12/72  
TIME 11:12  
Date 11/12/72  
By: [Signature]  
Note: Object 170 miles  
from E lands AFB  
(High speed ok 90 mph)  
remains ... to  
up to 100 mph

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(3) TWO F-100C, SERIAL NUMBERS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], 45,000 FEET,  
232 DEGREES, .78 MACH, GEORGE AFB, CALIFORNIA. D. (1) 1725 ZULU,  
25 APRIL 1958. (2) DAY. E. 3707N - 12015W, SITUATED HALFWAY  
BETWEEN FRESNO AND MERCED, CALIFORNIA. F. (1) N/A. (2) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CAPTAIN, PILOT, [REDACTED]  
1/LT, PILOT, 436TH FTR DAY SQUADRON, GEORGE AFB, CALIFORNIA. G.  
(1) CLEAR WITH EXCELLENT VISIBILITY. (2) GROUND: 300 DEGREES/10  
KTS, 6000 FEET: 300 DEG/5 KTS, 10,000 FEET: 310 DEG/25 KTS  
15,000 FEET: 310 DEG/44 KTS 20,000 FEET: 312 DEG/45 KTS, 32,000  
FEET: 300/DEG/44 KTS, 50,000 FEET: 250 DEG/37 KTS, 74,000 FEET  
[REDACTED] 300 DEG/4 KTS (3)  
[REDACTED] UNLIMITED. (4) 20 NM (5) NONE. (6) NONE. H.

NONE. 8. NONE. J. ONLY OTHER SIGHTING IN AREA WAS WEATHER  
BALLOON, SIGHTED AT 3707N - 12015W. K. 479TH WING INTELLIGENCE  
OFFICER, CAPTAIN DEAN E. ABBOTT, PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THESE  
EVENTS REVEALS NO KNOWN REASONS OR CAUSE FOR THIS SIGHTING.  
THE TWO OBSERVERS HAVE AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION FOR VERACITY.  
THEY WERE INVESTIGATING THE LARGE "SKY HOOK" WEATHER BALLOON  
WHEN THE UFO WAS SIGHTED IN ITS VICINITY. 1. NONE/ END/ UNCLAS  
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| JOINT MESSAGEFORM   |  |  |  | SECURITY CLASSIFICATION<br><i>Unclassified</i>  |              |
| SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER   |  |  |  |   |              |
| PRECEDENCE<br>ACTION <b>PRIORITY</b><br>INFO <b>AIR MAIL</b>  |  | TYPE MSG (CHK)<br>BOOK    MULTI    SINGLE<br>X   |  | ACCOUNTING SYMBOL<br>AF   |              |
|   |  |  |  | ORIG. OR REFERS TO<br>FDOI 04-598   |              |
|   |  |  |  | CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE<br>UNCL   |              |
| FROM: COMDR, ATIC   |  |  |  | SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS  |              |
| TO: COMDR, EDWARDS AFB, MROC, CALIFORNIA <i>RWS/34</i><br>INFO: COMDR, 1006TH AISS, ENT AFB, COLO SPRINGS, COLO (AIR MAIL)<br>UNCLASSIFIED/AFCIN-4E4 <i>5-872-E</i><br><br>Ref para.'s 1, 6b & 6c, AFR 200-2, subject UFO, and TT Msg<br>FDOI 04-598, 25 Apr 58, copy to COMDR NORAD. Request checks be<br>made to determine if any flights, tests, or other operations known<br>to you, or part of your activities, which could account for UFO<br>sighting reported by two F-100c pilots in general area midway<br>between Merced and Fresno California at approximately 1725 Zulu<br>Time, 25 April 58. Brief details: pilots Capt. <del>██████████</del> and<br>Lt. <del>██████████</del> from 436th Ftr. Sqd., George AFB, Calif., at<br>45,000 feet, 30 degree heading, about Mach Nr. .8 investigating<br>"Sky Hook" balloon, <del>which was at approximately 150,000 feet.</del> <i>(370)</i> UFO<br>reported seen <del>far</del> <i>(470)</i> above balloon, <del>which</del> <i>UFO</i> made 180 degree turn near<br><i>(above 60,000 feet and)</i><br>or around balloon, then streaked, repeat streaked, towards Pacific |  |  |  |   |              |
|   |  |  |  | DATE<br>5   | TIME<br>1600 |
|   |  |  |  | MONTH<br>MAY  | YEAR<br>1958 |
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| SYMBOL<br>AFCIN-4E4g  |  | TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature)<br><i>G. T. Gregory</i><br>GEORGE T. GREGORY, CAPT., USAF |  | SIGNATURE<br><i>Wallace W. Elwood</i>   |              |
| PHONE 6-9216  |  | PAGE 1 NR. 1   |  | TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE<br>WALLACE W. ELWOOD<br>Captain, USAF<br>Assistant Administrative Officer |              |
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FROM:

COMDR, ATIC

Ocean on SW heading. In reply refer to AFCIN-4E4 with info copy to Assistant Chief of Staff/Intelligence, Headquarters, USAF, Washington 25, D.C.

## COORDINATION:

AFCIN-4E4 H.A. Miley DATE 5 May 58  
Dr. Miley

AFCIN-4E HK Gilbert DATE 5 May  
Colonel Gilbert

AFCIN-4X1 Francis Arcier DATE 6 May 58  
Mr. Arcier

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FM COMDR AFFTC

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INFO RJWFAM/COMDR 1006TH AIR INTEL SER SQUAD PETERSON FIELD

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UNCLASSIFIED/FROM FTOOC-5-9-E, FOR AFCIN-4E4

(WADC), ASST CHIEF OF STAFF/INTELLIGENCE (HQ USAF).

REFERENCE ATIC MESSAGE AFCIN-4E4-5-872-E. A U-2 AIRCRAFT,

ON A CLASSIFIED PROJECT FROM THIS CENTER, WAS IN THE

GENERAL AREA ON DATE AND TIME INDICATED. A BALLOON WAS

SIGHTED BY THE PILOT. THE U-2 AIRCRAFT DID MAKE A TURN

IN THAT GENERAL AREA.

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